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- General PAI Chung-hsi will not accept appointment as Minister of National Defense in YEN Hsi-shan's cabinet.
- 2. PAI is convinced that he will not receive aid from CHEN Cheng, governor of Taiwan, and other Nationalist provincial governors. He will withdraw by 22 June to a defensive position in the mountainous area between Yuanlinghsien (110-15, 28-28) and Hungchiang (109-58, 27-10), west Hunan Province.
- 3. PAI has 26 armies, of which only 8 are capable of opposing regular Communist troops. He has approximately 11,000 men guarding the supply route from Fort Bayard (Hsiying)(110-24, 21-11) to Yulin (110-08, 22-38) to Kueihsien (109-40, 23-02) to Liuchou (109-16, 24-18).
- PAI can hold Kwangsi Province and Luichou Peninsula and help defend Hainan Island without difficulty.

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